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## **IN THE CLAIMS**:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (Currently amended) A clinical diagnostic reagent for testing infection of <u>a</u> <u>subject with</u> adult *Taenia solium* and *Taenia saginata*, comprising, as a main ingredient, [[(a) a]]an isolated peptide <u>comprising</u>: [[eentaining]] (a) at least residues 22 -65 [[of residues 20-85]] of any <u>one of amino acid sequences</u> [[of]]SEQ ID NO: 1 to 4, or (b) [[a containing an-]] <u>an amino acid sequence</u> of SEQ ID NO: 5.
- 2. (Currently amended) A diagnostic method for testing infection of <u>a subject with</u> adult *Taenia solium* and *Taenia saginata*, comprising:
- (i) <u>obtaining serum from a subject;</u>
- (ii) reacting the serum of [[a-]]the subject with the clinical diagnostic reagent of claim 1;
- (iii)[[<del>(iii)</del>]] detecting whether the serum reacts with the isolated peptide of the clinical diagnostic reagent; and
- (iv) correlating a reaction of the serum with the isolated peptide as indicative of infection of the subject with adult *Taenia solium* and/or *Taenia saginata*.
- 3. (Currently amended) A—<u>The</u> diagnostic method <u>of claim 2, wherein the</u> <u>isolated peptide</u> for testing infection of adult *Taenia solium* and *Taenia saginata*, comprising the steps of
- (i) fixing is fixed on a support and wherein the reaction of the serum with the isolated peptide is detected using a labeled probe (a) a comprising at least residues 22-65 [[of residues 20-85 of any amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 to 4 or (b) a containing an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 5 on a support,
- (ii) subjecting the peptide on the support to react with serum from a subject,
- (iii) subjecting the reactant to react with a labeled probe, and
- (iv) detecting the label.

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4. (Currently amended) A diagnostic kit for testing infection of adult *Taenia solium* and *Taenia saginata* in serum from a subject, comprising [[(a) a]]an isolated peptide comprising: eentaining-(a) at least residues 22-65 [[of residues 20-85-]]of any one of amino acid sequences [[of-]]SEQ ID NOs: 1 to 4 or (b) [[a-containing]]an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 5, fixed on a support.

- 5. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein the probe comprises one of an antibody, an anti-human IgG-antibody, a protein G, a protein A or a protein L.
- 6. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein the label on the labeled probe is selected from the group consisting of a radioisotope, an I<sup>125</sup> radioisotope, a peroxidase enzyme and an alkaline phosphatase enzyme.